A. LISTING OF CLAIMS:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application:

1-33 (Cancelled)

34. (New) A card connector for holding either of first and second cards,

the first card having an upper body portion, a lower body portion, recessed portions on a bottom surface of the first card, and contact pads provided in the recessed portions,

the second card having a card body portion having the substantially the same size as the upper body portion of the first card, and contact pads arranged on a bottom surface of the card body portion, the card connector comprising:

a connector housing having an upper wall and side leg portions adjacent to both ends of the upper wall, each side leg portion including first and second side walls and a step-like lower wall formed between the first and second side walls,

a base plate adjacent to the leg portion, the base plate being opposite the upper wall,

contact terminals arranged on the base plate, to electrically couple with the contact pads arranged on the first and second cards,

a first space defined by the upper wall, the first side walls, and the lower walls to hold side edge portions of the upper body portion of the first card and the body portion of the second card and to accommodate the upper body portion of the first card and the body portion of the second card, and

a second space defined by the second side walls, to accommodate the lower body portion of the first card, adjacent to the first space, wherein

no portion of the base plate extends into the second space.

35. (New) A card connector according to claim 34, wherein the second side walls of the side leg portions are operable to guide side surfaces of the lower body portion of the first card.

36. (New) A card connector according to claim 34, further comprising:

an eject mechanism to eject the first or second card; and

an elastic braking piece arranged at such a position that the bottom surface of the upper body portion of the first card presses the elastic braking piece when the first card is inserted and the bottom surface of the card body portion of the second card presses the elastic braking piece when the second card is inserted, the braking piece applying a braking force to the first or second card when the first or second card is ejected.

37. (New) A card connector according to claim 36, wherein the elastic braking piece is secured to a position that is in a far part of one of the pair of guide grooves formed by the upper wall, the first side walls, and the lower walls and that is lower than the second side wall adjacent to the one of the pair of the guide grooves.

38. (New) A card connector according to claim 34, wherein the upper wall has an opening having a width that is larger than that of the lower body portion of the first card.

39. (New) A card connector according to claim 34, wherein the upper wall has a recess adjacent to the first space having a width that is larger than that of the lower body portion of the first card.

40. (New) A card connector according to claim 34, further comprising:

an elastic braking piece arranged at such a position that the bottom surface of the upper body portion of the first card presses the elastic braking piece when the first card is inserted and that the bottom surface of the card body portion of the second card presses the elastic braking piece when the second card is inserted, the braking piece applying a braking force to the first or second card in a card extraction.

41. (New) A card connector according to claim 40, wherein the elastic braking piece is secured to a position that is in a far part of one of a pair of guide grooves formed by the upper wall, the first side walls, and the lower walls and that is lower than the second side wall adjacent to the one of the pair of the guide grooves.

42. (New) A card connector according to claim 40, wherein the upper wall has an opening having a width that is larger than that of the lower body portion of the first card.

43. (New) A card connector according to claim 40, wherein the upper wall has a recess adjacent to the first space having a width that is larger than that of the lower body portion of the first card.

44. (New) A card connector according to claim 34, further comprising:

an elastic braking piece arranged at such a position that the bottom surface of the upper body portion of the first card presses the elastic braking piece when the first card is inserted and that the bottom surface of the card body portion of the second card presses the elastic braking piece when the second card is inserted, a displacement of the elastic braking piece at the time when the first card is inserted is substantially equal to one at the time when the second card is inserted.

45. (New) A card connector according to claim 44, wherein the second side walls are operable to guide side surfaces of the lower portion of the first card.

46. (New) A card connector according to claim 44, further comprising an eject mechanism to eject the first or second card.

47. (New) A card connector according to claim 44, wherein the elastic braking piece is secured to a position that is in a far part of one of a pair of guide grooves formed by the upper wall, the first side walls, and the lower walls and that is lower than the second side wall adjacent to the one of the pair of the guide grooves.

48. (New) A card connector according to claim 44, wherein the upper wall has an opening having a width that is larger than that of the lower body portion of the first card.

49. (New) A card connector according to claim 44, wherein the upper wall has a recess adjacent to the first space having a width that is larger than that of the lower body portion of the first card.

50. (New) A card connector according to claim 44, wherein the elastic braking piece applies a braking force to the first and second card in a card extraction direction.

51. (New) A card connector according to claim 30, wherein the elastic braking piece is secured to a position which is in a far part of one of a pair of guide grooves formed by the upper wall, the first side walls and the step portions and which is lower than the second side wall adjacent to the one of the pair of the guide grooves.

52. (New) A card connector according to claim 50, wherein the upper wall has an opening having a width that is larger than that of the lower body portion of the first card.

53. (New) A card connector according to claim 50, wherein the upper wall has a recess adjacent to the first space having a width that is larger than that of the lower body portion of the first card.

54. (New) An electronic device comprising:

a circuit board, and

a card connector mounted on the circuit board, operable to hold either of first and second cards,

the first card having an upper body portion, a lower body portion, recessed portions on a bottom surface of the first card, and contact pads provided in the recessed positions,

the second card having a card body portion having the substantially the same size as the upper body portion of the first card, and contact pads arranged on a bottom surface of the card body portion, the card connector including

a connector housing having an upper wall and side leg portions adjacent to both ends of the upper wall, each side leg portion including first and second side walls and a step-like lower wall formed between the first and second side walls,

a base plate adjacent to the leg portion, the base plate being opposite the upper wall,

contact terminals arranged on the base plate, to electrically couple with the contact pads arranged on the first and second cards,

a first space defined by the upper wall, the first side walls and the step portions to hold side edge portions of the upper body portion of the first card and the body portion

of the second card and to accommodate the upper body portion of the first card and the body portion of the second card, and

a second space defined by the second side walls, to accommodate the lower body portion of the first card, adjacent to the first space, wherein

no portion of the base plate extends into the second space.

55. (New) An electronic device according to claim 54, wherein the second side walls of the side leg portions are operable to guide side surfaces of the lower body portion of the first card.

56. (New) An electronic device according to claim 54, further comprising:

an eject mechanism to eject the first or second card; and

an elastic braking piece arranged at such a position that the bottom surface of the upper body portion of the first card presses the elastic braking piece when the first card is inserted and the bottom surface of the card body portion of the second card presses the elastic braking piece when the second card is inserted, the braking piece applying a braking force to the first or second card when the first or second card is ejected.

57. (New) An electronic device according to claim 56, wherein the elastic braking piece is secured to a position that is in a far part of one of the pair of guide grooves formed by the upper wall, the first side walls, and the lower walls and that is lower than the second side wall adjacent to the one of the pair of the guide grooves.

58. (New) An electronic device according to claim 54, wherein the upper wall has an opening having a width that is larger than that of the lower body portion of the first card.

59. (New) An electronic device according to claim 54, wherein the upper wall has a recess adjacent to the first space having a width that is larger than that of the lower body portion of the first card.

60. (New) An electronic device according to claim 54, further comprising:

an elastic braking piece arranged at such a position that the bottom surface of the upper body portion of the first card presses the elastic braking piece when the first card is inserted and that the bottom surface of the card body portion of the second card presses the elastic braking piece when the second card is inserted, the braking piece applying a braking force to the first or second card in a card extraction.

61. (New) An electronic device according to claim 60, wherein the elastic braking piece is secured to a position that is in a far part of one of a pair of guide grooves formed by the upper wall, the first side walls, and the lower walls and that is lower than the second side wall adjacent to the one of the pair of the guide grooves.

62. (New) An electronic device according to claim 60, wherein the upper wall has an opening having a width that is larger than that of the lower body portion of the first card.

63. (New) An electronic device according to claim 60, wherein the upper wall has a recess adjacent to the first space having a width that is larger than that of the lower body portion of the first card.